



MIDVAAL LAUNCHES WAR ON POTHOLE CAMPAIGN

Midvaal Local Municipality officially launched its **War on Potholes campaign**, an intensified intervention aimed at accelerating efforts to address the road maintenance backlog across the municipality.

Recent heavy rainfall has significantly deteriorated road conditions, disrupting planned maintenance schedules and increasing the urgency for repairs.

The Executive Mayor, Alderman Peter Teixeira, was joined by the Municipal Manager, **Mr Phumudzo Magodi** and councillors to mark the launch of this critical campaign.

As part of efforts to restore our roads to a high standard, the municipality has appointed an external contractor to supplement the work of internal municipal roads teams. The contractor will prioritise outer and peripheral areas, including Walkerville, Homestead Apple Orchards, Daleside, De Deur, and Walkers Fruit Farms, focusing on road maintenance and pothole patching. Internal municipal teams will concentrate on central areas such as Meyerton, Sicelo, Riversdale, and Kookrus.

The municipality will dedicate a substantial budget to fog spraying, overlaying, resurfacing, and converting roads from gravel to tar. This investment will also ensure that teams are equipped with the necessary resources and machinery to improve the overall condition of the road network.

The campaign places strong emphasis on supervision and accountability to ensure improved turnaround times and high-quality workmanship. To strengthen oversight, the Executive Mayor has established a dedicated Roads War Room to monitor progress and receive regular reports on work undertaken by all teams.

Midvaal will, in the coming weeks, announce a new dedicated toll-free number and email address to handle road-related complaints, with dedicated personnel who will escalate issues for action and quick resolution.

The municipality is also exploring innovative technologies and equipment to modernise operations and fast-track road maintenance. In addition, the Human Resources Department has been tasked with assessing skills gaps and implementing targeted development programmes to strengthen our teams' capacity.

Businesses operating within Midvaal will be engaged to play their part, particularly those whose heavy-duty trucks contribute to road damage. The Department of Development and Planning has been tasked with identifying key routes impacted by such activity, so that we can directly approach these businesses to partner with the municipality.

These coordinated interventions are designed to improve response times and restore the quality and reliability of Midvaal's road network.

Midvaal remains committed to ensuring that our roads are safe, reliable, and fit for all road users.

ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR:

Yours in Service Excellence, Ald. Peter Teixeira
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